A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Revising the Town's Policy with regards to installing or replacing fencing on private property that is adjoining or abutting Town Property, Parks, or a Pedestrian Easement.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council previously established Town Policy, Resolution No. R-13-2011, in which Town funds may be expended by the Town Manager to offset the cost for the installation of fencing on private property, where the proposed fencing adjoins or abuts Town property; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that this Policy shall continue with certain revisions, to include updating the standard material and height used to determine the Town's allocation of funds towards a portion of the fence from a three and one-half foot high, nine (9) gauge, galvanized chain link fence, to either a four (4) or six (6) foot high wooden stockade fence, as determined by the Town Code, depending on where the proposed fencing adjoins or abuts Town property; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the cost sharing policy applies only to a request for a wooden stockade fence or better quality where the proposed fencing adjoins or abuts Town property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland, that the following Policy relative to the installation or replacement of fencing on private property, which must either adjoin or abut Town Property, to include Parks and Pedestrian Easements, is hereby adopted as follows:

- 1. The Town Manager may authorize funds to be allocated towards the installation or replacement of any fence on private property, if said fence adjoins or abuts Town Property, which includes Town Parks and Pedestrian Easements, provided that funds have been appropriated by the Town Council.
- 2. The Town's allocation of funds towards the fencing shall be determined at one half the cost of a standard four (4) foot high wooden stockade fence, if located within the front plane of the property, or up to a six (6) foot high wooden stockade fence, if to be located on either the side or rear plane of the private property.
- 3. The Town Manager may require several bids or quotes to determine the standard base line allocation from the Town and the cost sharing by the Town will not exceed one-half of the contract cost for the fencing to be located where the proposed fencing adjoins or abuts Town property.

- 4. A private property owner requesting the Town's participation in fencing the common property line shall submit a written request to the Town Manager prior to the construction of said fence.
- 5. If the Town Council determines that it is in the best interest of the Town to install fencing beyond the standard base line, the Town will borne the additional costs of the fencing; however, if the private property owner wishes to install fencing beyond the standard base line, it shall be the responsibility of the private property owner to cover the difference over and above the standard base.
- 6. The Town will not reimburse for existing fences.
- 7. This Policy shall be applicable only where prior agreement is reached between the Town and the appropriate private property owner.

Adopted by the Town Council this 9th day of January, 2023.

Effective this 9th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

Susan C. Engels, Clerk - Treasurer

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